

TALKIE PICTURES EXPERT IS HERE EXTENDED VISIT

James Stevin, widely known independent moving picture producer of the most artistic class, international business man, general showman, artist, playwright, former actor, globe trotter who has circled the world nine times, linguist and general lecturer, who arrived in Medford yesterday for a probable stay of six weeks, or maybe longer, is one of the most entertaining, cosmopolitan, and interesting visitors that has ever visited Medford.

His visit here may be fraught with great possibilities for the future development of Medford, he having been brought to the city by a group of well known local business men, and during his stay he will work out certain plans, which may result in giving Medford national and perhaps world wide publicity.

Fotovox, a method of synchronization with which Mr. Stevin has been experimenting in Los Angeles was used by him in his proposed trip to Rome, where he expects to secure pictures of the Pope to be eventually produced in a local studio. The versatile visitor, in telling a Mail Tribune reporter of the project, said that it was his intention if his present plans go forward to make the entire venture a southern Oregon enterprise.

"Movietone, owned and operated by the William Fox motion picture studios of New York and Hollywood has succeeded in presenting Al Smith, Herbert Hoover, King Alfonso and Edward, Prince of Wales. The Fox process of talking picture is accomplished by the action of light alone," Mr. Stevin explained in describing the various types of talking movies.

"While the moving picture is being produced and photographed in the ordinary way a special combination camera records the voice of the actor by means of a tiny ray of light, as thin as a razor blade, which traces a series of small shadows on the margin of the film," he said.

"If you take a section of the developed and completed film in your hand you will see a series of pictures about the size of postage stamps. On the margins are long and short marks, actually the record of voices. They are light or heavy in proportion to the power and quality of the voice."

"Warner Bros., one of the most progressive and successful motion picture organizations, has developed another system similar to the Movietone but called Vitaphone. Its specialty is comedy and drama.

"Another method which is nearing completion is called the Phonofilm and is being perfected by Thomas Hunt, prominent real estate operator and former well known athlete of Los Angeles," Mr. Stevin continued. He did not say much about the Fotovox except that "an account of its simplicity and almost fool-proof method of photographing and projecting I think that Fotovox will be even superior to systems now in use."

Mr. Stevin has been interested in the stage in one way or another since he was nine years of age and played the part of Little Lord Fauntleroy. He studied art and architecture in France and Italy. In 1906 he returned to the stage, his last role being "The Virginian," well-known cowboy character.

Over six feet tall and weighing not so much less than 200 pounds, he has decided that it is time to "quit being clever and cute on the stage." Mrs. Stevin and their two young children are at their home in Paris.

"My nine year old son says 'Daddy has been every place twice, but he always comes back to see us,'" the visitor remarked in answer to where he had been and when.

JACKSON VOTERS TOTALING 13,929 ARE REGISTERED

There are 13,929 voters registered in Jackson county for the general election, November 6, according to a count of registration cards completed by the county clerk's office this afternoon, and classified as follows: Republicans 9,598 Democrats 3,692 Socialists 65 Progressives 22 Prohibitionists 22 Miscellaneous 508

The Republicans outnumber the Democrats nearly three to one. The surprise is the number, 508, who keep their political faith a secret. The registration for the thirteen precincts of Medford total 492 and are divided by precincts as follows: for the major parties: Precinct: Rep. Dem. North Main 296 73 South Main 204 74 North Central 188 59 South Central 281 107 North Riverside 177 143 Oakdale 226 105 Newtown 179 70 Northeast 351 118 Southeast 284 123 East 36 2 Southwest 347 138 West 411 108 East 236 125 West Medford with 319 registered is the largest in the city. North Riverside is the precinct with the most Democrats—142, and Northeast Medford has the largest Republican registration with 281, and Newtown is a close second with 379.

APPLE ORCHARDS EASTERN OREGON ARE MORTGAGED

PORTLAND, Oct. 18. (AP)—Practically all the apple orchards in the vicinity of Milton-Freewater, Ore., are mortgaged. Bruce Shangle, manager of the Farmers Brokerage company of Milton-Freewater, testified today at the Interstate Commerce Commission fruit rate hearing here. According to Mr. Shangle, a general depression has fallen upon the apple growers of Eastern Oregon at a time when their orchards are producing an abundance of fruit of the highest quality. His firm, he stated, has taken over the fruit farms of 59 farmers in the past five years.

Reviewing the history of the development of fruit growing in Eastern Oregon, Mr. Shangle said that the most rapid development came in the period between 1912 and 1920. In 1912, Milton-Freewater shipped annually 1,500 cars of fruit. There was a decided rise in value during the war. This, however, was followed by the present period of depression, which had its beginning in 1922.

Hanks, he continued, are now compelled to refuse the apple farmers loans. Prior to 1925 orchard land had a loan value of from \$250 to \$500. At the present time a loan on an apple tract is not considered a safe investment by the majority of the banks.

That the depression is general in all apple-growing sections of the state was shown in statistics submitted in I. C. C. document No. 210. Bank deposits in Hood River have fallen from \$2,234,516 for the second six months of 1919, to \$1,958,147 for a similar period in 1927. In 1912, Milton-Freewater shipped annually 1,500 cars of fruit. There was a decided rise in value during the war. This, however, was followed by the present period of depression, which had its beginning in 1922.

But one bank, the First National of Hood River, showed an increase over the 10-year period.

A. F. Harvey, Salem rate expert, for the public service commission of Oregon followed Mr. Shangle. His exhibit showed that operating revenues of the Southern Pacific Railway company have jumped from \$209,132,952 in 1920 to \$226,955,798 for 1927, with a net operating income of \$45,302,629 at the present time, compared with \$21,559,719 eight years ago.

The department of public works of the state of Washington completed the submission of exhibit this morning. It was followed by the Oregon Public Service commission.

In an effort to make possible the permanent saving of \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually in the cost of fruit shipments from the Rogue River valley, R. E. Harder, banker; S. M. Tuttle, shipper; Leonard Carpenter, grower, and C. T. Baker, local Chamber of Commerce secretary, left last evening for Portland, where a hearing on railroad rates began today before the interstate commerce commission.

Carefully prepared data will be presented by the local men to show reasons why the present reduced rate on pears of \$1.60 per hundred should be made permanent. This rate became effective as a temporary measure this year, the old fee being \$1.55 per hundred, and was made voluntarily by the railroad company.

It is also the purpose of the local committee, which has the backing of the chamber of commerce, traffic association and the fruit-growers' league, to increase the minimum load of freight cars from 25,000 to 36,000 pounds, enabling the grower to ship more fruit at a lower rate, the apple rate being used on heavy shipments.

COURT SCHEDULES ROAD MEETINGS IN VARIOUS DISTRICTS

There was no session of the county court yesterday, the members paying a visit to the Owen-Oregon logging camp near Butte Falls, and only a short session was held this morning, when road meetings were tentatively scheduled for early next month at Me-Leod, Crater Lake schoolhouse, and two other districts to be chosen. The purpose of the meetings is to urge a special road levy, and arrange the details of same. The districts are adjacent to the Crater Lake highway, and the levy would chiefly be used upon roads leading into them.

Wire Report on the Pear Market

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—(U.S.D.A.)—Pears. Eight cars California, 27 Oregon, 14 Washington arrived. Oregon boxes, 7,985 boxes extra, \$2.90 to \$2.72; few \$2.80 to \$3.00; few \$2.65; common \$2.65 to \$2.25; average \$2.36. Fancy \$2.25 to \$3.45; few 2.40 to \$2.65; common \$2 to \$2.90; average \$2.18; special common, \$1.85 to \$2.65; average \$2.40. Comice, 462 extra, \$3.25 to \$3.75; average 3.45; fancy, \$3.00 to \$3.60; average \$3.20. California Comice, 2,410 boxes, \$2.70 to \$4.25; few \$4.40 to \$4.45; few low \$2.35; average \$3.05. Boxes, 1355 boxes, \$2.45 to \$2.55; average \$2.51. Clearview, 1,490 boxes, \$2 to \$2.95; average \$2.55. Nellis, 574 boxes, average \$3.24. Dietz, 425 boxes, \$1.70 to \$2.60; average \$2.52. Moreau, 620 boxes, \$2.40 to \$3.65; average \$2.85. Half boxes Comice, 1,570, \$1.65 to \$2.20; average \$1.76.

Smith Leads in Only Four States in Literary Digest Poll

The fifth week's returns of the 1928 presidential poll from the Literary Digest of October 29, 1928 follow:

Table with columns for State, Total 1928, How the same voters voted in 1924 (Rep., Dem.), and How the same voters voted in 1928 (Rep., Dem.). Lists states from Alabama to Utah with corresponding vote counts.

Second Returns From New York, Chicago and Philadelphia

In these three large cities the entire enrolled electorate is being polled. The totals given below are included in the main table of ballots by states shown above.

Table with columns for City, Total, How the same voters voted in 1924 (Rep., Dem., Soc. Lab., Prof., Vote), and How the same voters voted in 1928 (Rep., Dem., Soc. Lab., Prof., Vote).

BILLIARD MATCH DRAWING CROWD BROWN'S TODAY

Early indications this afternoon pointed toward an exceptionally large attendance at the exhibition three-cushion billiard match this afternoon at 3:30 at Brown's between John Layton, world's champion three-cushion player, and Willie Hoppe, former world's champion balkline player and dangerous contender for the three-cushion crown. The two experts will again play this evening at 8 o'clock at the same place.

This will be the first time that Hoppe has been seen in this part of the country playing either three-cushion or balkline and will also be the first for Layton. Since invading the angle game, he has proven to be one of the most dangerous contenders for the title and at the present time holds world's record run of 29 in championship competition, made during the international tournament in New York City last year.

WORK HITS AT WHISPERING

The national chairman then explained that anyone who rents a house in England pays taxes and that the voting roll is made up by a return from the taxing authorities to the election officials. Informing them of the names of taxpayers, there being a tax requirement for a voter in Great Britain. He added that all taxpayers were not entitled to vote and that persons whose names are placed on the rolls are not notified of the action and their names remain there permanently subject to test if they attempt to vote.

"As I have said, Mr. Hoover never voted," Mr. Work said. "He never attempted to vote. He was never entitled to vote. He would have been subject to drastic penalties if he had voted. At that time, as shown by the state department's statement, Mr. Hoover was fully maintaining his American citizenship. Moreover, during the whole period referred to, Mr. Hoover maintained his home at Stanford University and San Francisco, where he or his family resided a considerable part of each year and where his children were educated.

Detectives Search Work added that Hoover became aware of the fact that his name was on the voters' list in England when informed that a search was being made of the records there by American detectives and opposition newspapers who were endeavoring to find "something which they could launch in this campaign."

"I am informed," Work continued, "that they have taken photo-

SAN ANTONIO TRIP DETAILS TOLD BY MR. WILLIAMSON

Only three-thousandths of a point kept the Salem American Legion drum corps from winning the national championship at San Antonio last week, according to Lloyd Williamson, who returned yesterday from Salem, after having acted as drum major for the Salem corps. A total of 54 contestants took part in the big event, which began at 8 o'clock in the morning and continued until dusk before all the corps were heard. Each corps was allowed 10 minutes, of which the first five were only used by the judges on which to make a rating. At the end of the 10-minute period, a whistle was blown and the competing corps was immediately hustled off the field to make room for the next. However, if a corps was not ready when called its place in the contest was forfeited.

The winning drum corps from Miami, Fla., was composed of 65 pieces and was one of the largest there. While only a fraction of a point kept Salem from winning, it was over 10 points ahead of next opponent and up until the judges returned their results Salem was conceded the national championship. Upon their arrival in Salem on Tuesday night over 5000 people welcomed the members of the prize winning corps when they alighted at the depot, and upon marching through the business section thousands were lining both sides of the sidewalks, cheering and congratulating the prize winners, who were also tendered a big banquet.

ENGLAND AWAITS AVIATOR

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tantan. He was evidently in high spirits over his father's adventure and assured the interviewer that he, too, was going up in an airplane "as soon as daddy comes to London."

MELLON HITS BACK AT AL

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"Smith, he said, had been led to draw rash conclusions from insufficient data and inadequate study." Chairman Work of the Republican national committee, also assailed Governor Smith for the Sodal speech. He declared that Smith failed to mention the four tax-reduction measures passed since 1921 or the reduction in the public debt. He asserted that government costs had been brought to a post-war basis in 1921 by the Republican congress elected during the war, which, he said, had forced the Democratic administration to reduce expenditures by \$1,500,000,000.

Hillsboro—Modern new building to replace old structures in business district.

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Klamath Falls—Commercial growing of muskrats in this vicinity makes rapid progress.

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